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Tēnā koe Shane

**Your Official Information Act request OIA20/21-0034**

Thank you for request dated 13 July 2020 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) for the following information under Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide an extract of data from the system you currently use to track information requests submitted under the Official Information Act 1982. The extract should be in a machine-readable form. This means either via a publicly accessible API or file in csv or JSON format. The extract should have the following details in a single row for each request that was submitted:*

- 1. The title of the request.*
- 2. The date your organisation received the request*
- 3. The date of the final response from your organisation to that request, or the date you closed the request*

*To reduce the effort required by your organisation I am requesting records for the date range that the data is available in your OIA tracking system. For example, if your OIA tracking system only holds two years of records then I am requesting data for those two years.*

As you are aware, we extended the timeframe to respond to your request by 20 working days on 7 August 2020.

Please find attached an excel spreadsheet, in CSV format, detailing the Official Information Act requests completed by the Department in the period 1 July 2016 to 13 July 2020. This dataset includes requests that were transferred but omits requests that were withdrawn or cancelled, and requests that were still in progress on 13 July 2020.

The spreadsheet includes:

- The reference number of the request;
- the title of the request (if the request was given a working title);
- the date the request was received by the department;
- the date the request was completed by the department;

- Whether the request timeframe was extended; and
- Whether the request was transferred in full to another responder.

The volume of individuals and organisations listed in the dataset and lack of contact information available in some cases makes consultation with affected third parties impracticable. Because of this, some information has been withheld in the dataset in accordance with the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of individuals; and
- 9(2)(b)(ii) – to prevent prejudice to the commercial position of the individual that supplied or who is the subject of the information.

In July 2016, the Department transitioned from a fully distributed model of tracking requests under the Act to a partially centralised model. We are refusing to provide data for the period prior to 1 July 2016 under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Should you wish for further information about specific requests, please contact the Department at [OIA@dia.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@dia.govt.nz). We will then consult with the affected stakeholder(s) if possible.

Please note that the Department introduced working titles to requests in June 2018, for internal tracking purposes. Titles of requests are usually directly taken from the request and may not necessarily confirm facts or be a true reflection of the Department's actions, information held, or content of the OIA response.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi,



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